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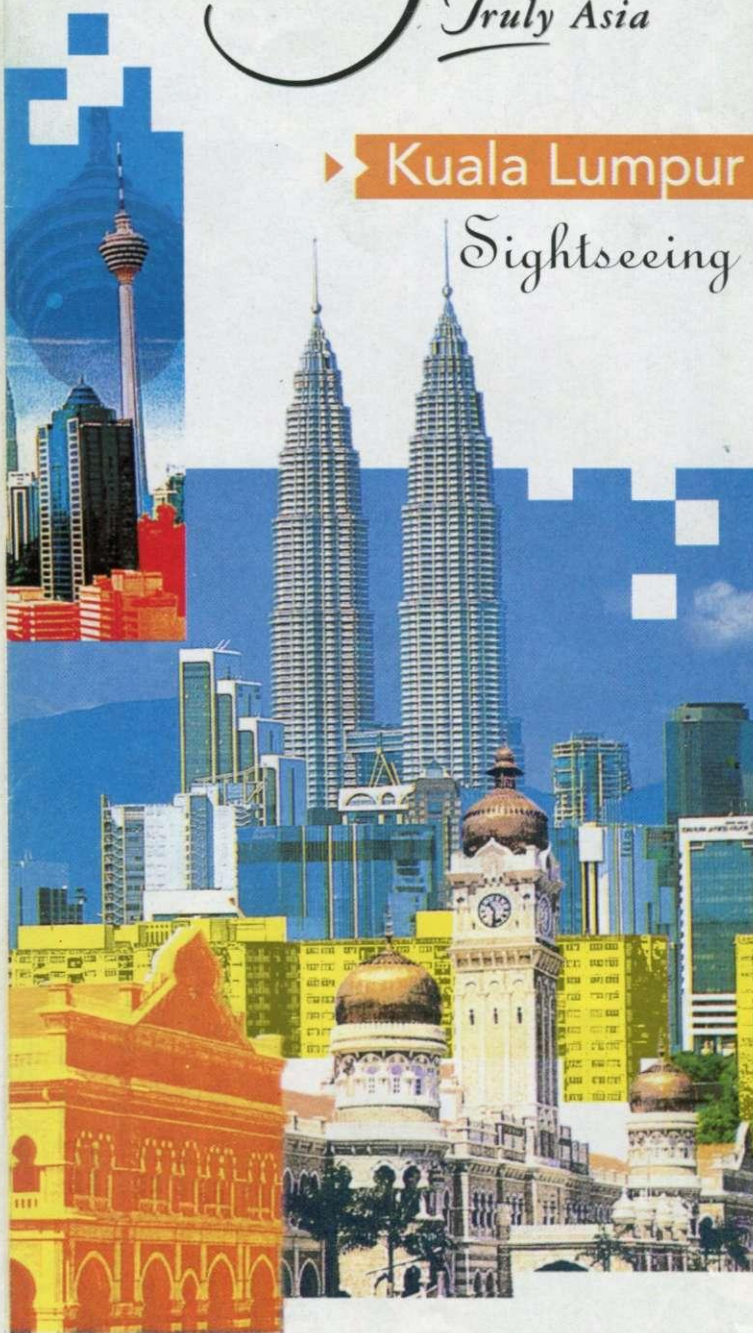
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# Malaysia

## Truly Asia

## Kuala Lumpur

## Sightseeing



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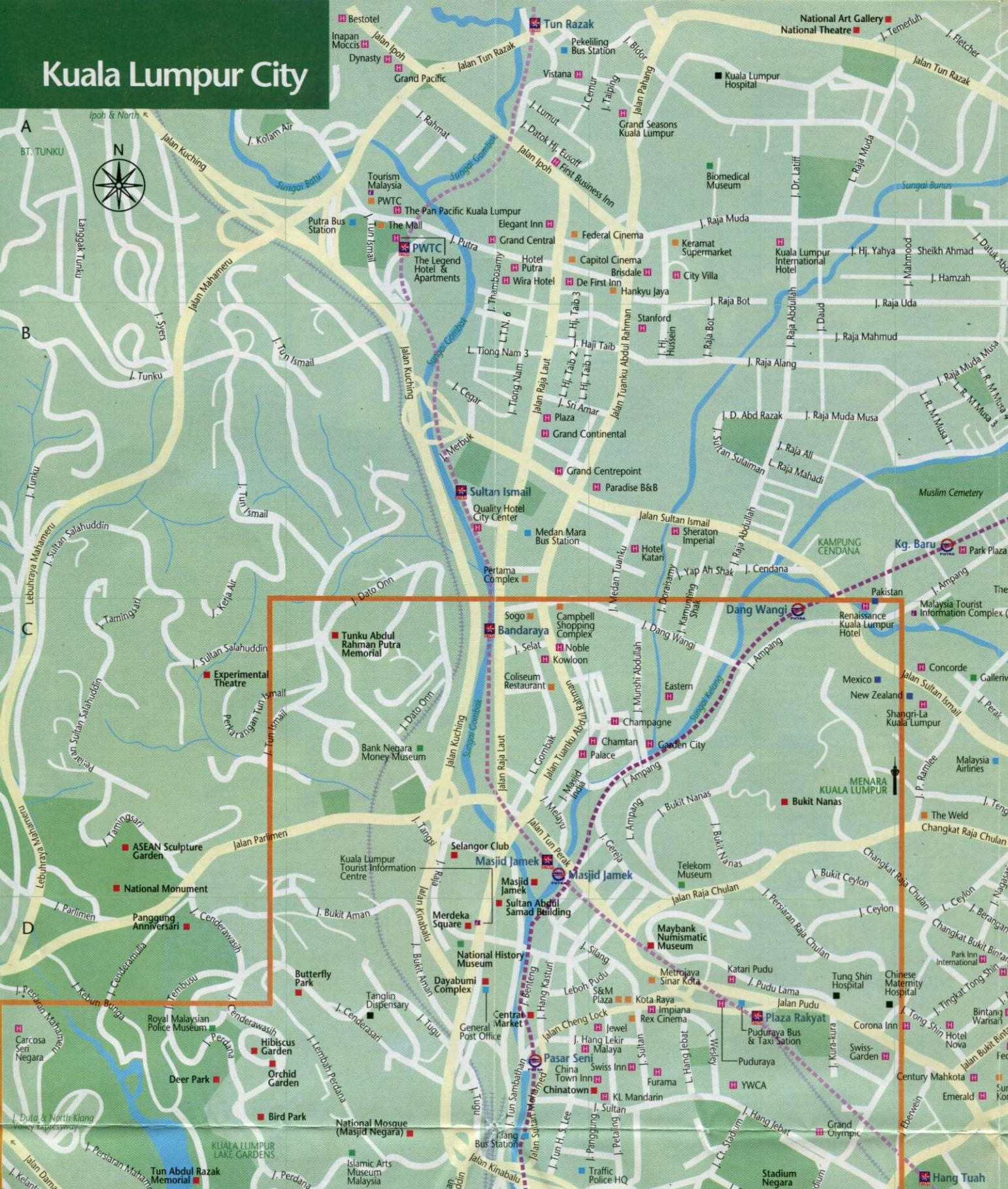


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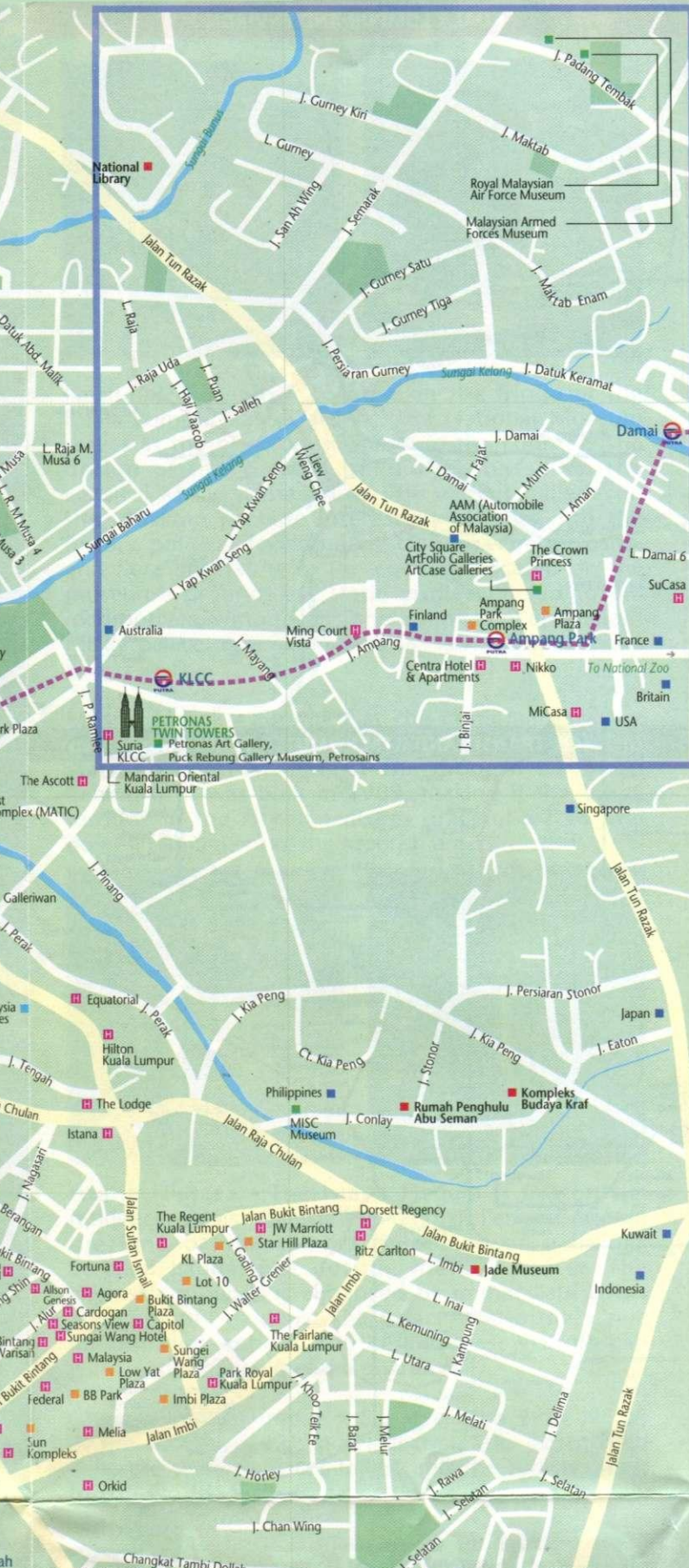
## Kuala Lumpur City





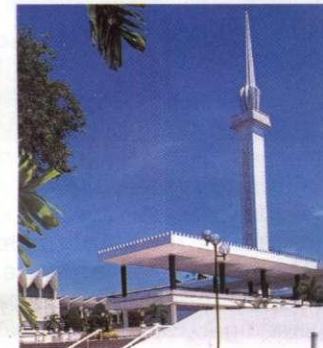
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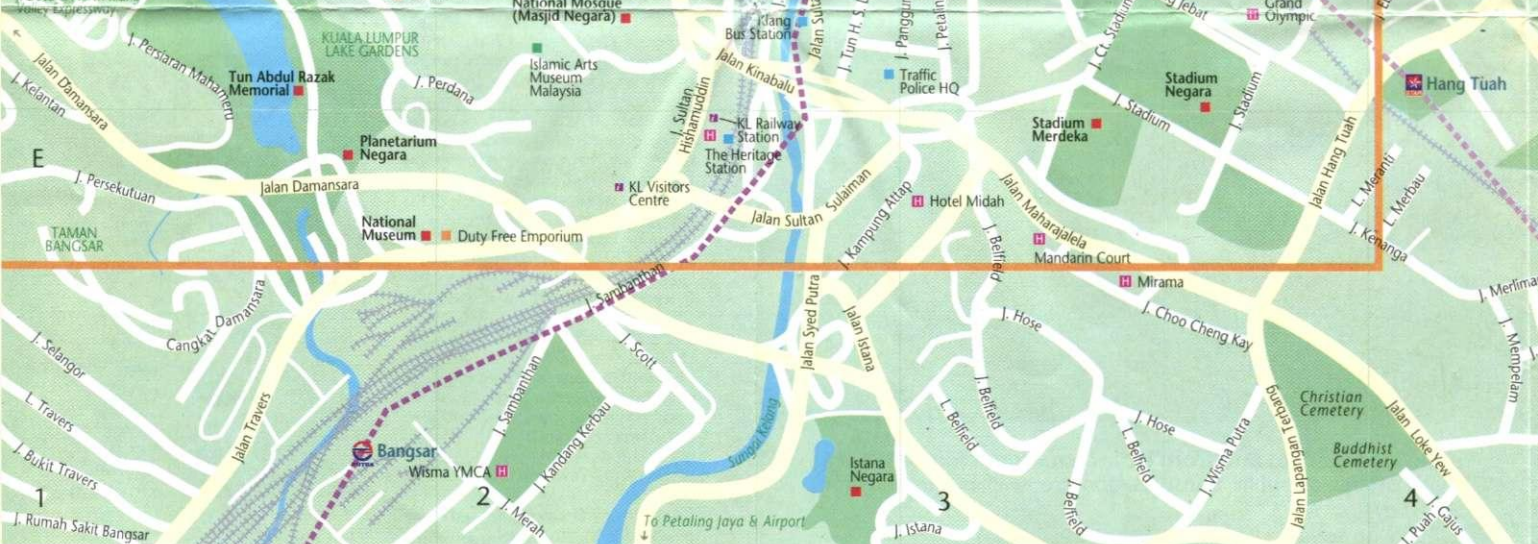
**Sultan Abdul Samad Building** • A stately, historic building rich in character, it was built in 1897 to house several important government departments during the British administration. This Moorish-inspired building, topped by a shiny copper dome and a 40m high clock tower, is a major landmark in the city. It serves as the backdrop for important events such as the National Day Parade on August 31 and the ushering in of the New Year. This heritage building is now occupied by the Supreme Court and the Textile Museum.

**Dataran Merdeka** • Facing the Sultan Abdul Samad Building is Dataran Merdeka or Merdeka Square, an immaculately-turfed 8.2 hectare area of historical interest. A 100 metre-high flagpole marks the spot where the Malayan Flag was hoisted on August 31, 1957 signifying the independence of the country from British rule. At the opposite end of the square is an inviting spot where visitors can relax amid soothing rushing waters of fountains, elegant colonnades and colourful beds of zinnias and marigolds. Beneath the square is Plaza Putra, an underground food, leisure and entertainment complex.



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## PLACES OF INTEREST

- 1C ASEAN Sculpture Garden
- 1D Bird Park
- 3C Bukit Nanas
- 2D Butterfly Park
- 2D Central Market
- 3D Chinatown
- 2D Dayabumi Complex
- 1D Deer Park
- 1C Experimental Theatre
- 1D Hibiscus Garden

- 2E Istana Negara
- 5D Jade Museum
- 5C Kompleks Budaya Krai
- 2C Masjid Jamek
- 3D Maybank Numismatic Museum
- 3C Menara Kuala Lumpur
- 2D Merdeka Square
- 3A National Art Gallery
- 2D National History Museum
- 4A National Library

- 1C National Monument
- 2D National Mosque
- 1E National Museum
- 3A National Theatre (Istana Budaya)
- 1D Orchid Garden
- 1D Panggung Anniversari
- 1E Planetarium Negara
- 2C Pucuk Rebung Gallery Museum

- 5C Rumah Penghulu Abu Seman
- 2C Selangor Club
- 3E Stadium Merdeka
- 2D Stadium Negara
- 3D Sultan Abdul Samad Building
- 1D Tun Abdul Razak Memorial
- 2C Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Memorial

## EMBASSIES

- 4B Australia
- 5B Britain
- 5B Finland

- 5B France
- 5D Indonesia
- 5C Japan
- 5C Kuwait

- 3C Mexico
- 4C New Zealand
- 3B Pakistan
- 5C Philippines

- 5C Singapore
- 5B United States of America

## ENTERTAINMENT/SHOPPING

- 5B Ampang Park Complex
- 5B Ampang Plaza
- 4D Bukit Bintang Plaza
- 2C Campbell Shopping Complex
- 2A Capitol Cinema
- 5B City Square
- 2C Coliseum Restaurant

- 2E Duty Free Emporium
- 2A Federal Cinema
- 3A Hankyu Plaza
- 4D Imbi Plaza
- 3A Keramat Supermarket
- 4D Kuala Lumpur Plaza
- 3D Kota Raya
- 4D Lot 10

- 3D Metrojaya Sinar Kota
- 2B Pertama Complex
- 4D Pudu Cinema
- 5E Pudu Plaza
- 2A PWTC
- 3D Rex Cinema
- 3D S & M Plaza
- 4D Shaw Parade

- 2C Sogo
- 5E Star Cinema
- 4D Star Hill
- 4D Sun Complex
- 4D Sungei Wang Plaza
- 4B Suria KLCC
- 2A The Mall
- 4C The Weld

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- 5B AAM (Automobile Association of Malaysia)
- 2D General Post Office
- 2D Klang Bus Stand

- 2E Kuala Lumpur Railway Station
- 4C Malaysia Airlines
- 2B Medan Mara Bus Station

- 2A Pekeliling Bus Station
- 3D Puduraya Bus & Taxi Station
- 2A Putra Bus Stand

- 2D Traffic Police HQ
- 2D STAR LRT Station
- 2D PUTRA LRT Station

## HOTELS

- 4D Agora ★★
- 4D Allison Genesis
- 2A Bestotel
- 4D Bintang Warisan ★★
- 3A Briddale
- 4D Capitol
- 1D Carcosa Seri Negara ★★★★★
- 4D Cardogan
- 5B Centra Hotel & Apartments
- 4D Century Mahkota
- 3C Champagne ★
- 3C Chamtan
- 3D China Town Inn
- 3A City Villa
- 4C Concorde ★★★★★
- 4D Corona Inn
- 2A De First Inn
- 5D Dorsett Regency ★★★★★
- 4D Dynasty ★★★★★
- 2A Eynast
- 3C Elegant Inn
- 2D Emerald
- 4C Equatorial ★★★★★
- 4D Federal ★★★★★
- 4D Fortuna ★★
- 3D Furama ★★

- 3C Garden City
- 2A Grand Central Kuala Lumpur
- 2B Grand Centrepoint
- 2B Grand Continental ★★★★★
- 3D Grand Olympic
- 2D Grand Pacific
- 3A Grand Seasons
- 3E Hotel Midah ★★
- 4D Hotel Nova ★★
- 2A Hotel Putra ★★
- 3D Impiana
- 2A Inapan Moccis
- 4C Istana ★★★★★
- 3D Jewel
- 4D JW Marriott ★★★★★
- 3D Katari Pudu ★
- 3D KL Mandarin ★★
- 2C Kowloon ★
- 4C Hilton Kuala Lumpur ★★★★★
- 4A Kuala Lumpur International Hotel ★★
- 2D Malaya ★★
- 4D Malaysia
- 5E Maluri Value Inn ★★★★★
- 3E Mandarin Court
- 4B Mandarin Oriental Kuala Lumpur

- 4D Melia ★★★★★
- 5B MiCasa
- 5B Ming Court Vista ★★★★★
- 3E Mirama ★★★★★
- 3B New World ★★★★★
- 5B Nikko ★★★★★
- 4D Orkid ★★
- 2C Palace ★★
- 3B Paradise B&B
- 4D Park Inn International
- 4B Park Plaza ★★★★★
- 4D Park Royal Kuala Lumpur ★★★★★
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- 3D Puduraya ★★
- 2D Quality Hotel City Center ★★★★★
- 3C Renaissance Kuala Lumpur ★★★★★
- 5D Ritz Carlton ★★★★★
- 4D Seasons View ★★
- 4C Shangri-La Kuala Lumpur ★★★★★
- 3B Sheraton Imperial ★★★★★
- 3B Stanford ★★
- 5B SuCasa

- 5B Sungai Wang Hotel
- 3D Swiss-Garden ★★★★★
- 3D Swiss-Inn ★★★★★
- 4B The Ascott
- 5B The Crown Princess ★★★★★
- 4D The Fairlane Kuala Lumpur ★★★★★
- 2E The Heritage Station ★★
- 2A The Legend Hotel & Apartments ★★★★★
- 4C The Lodge ★★
- 2A The Pan Pacific Kuala Lumpur ★★★★★
- 4D The Regent Kuala Lumpur ★★★★★
- 2A Vistana ★★★★★
- 2D Wenworth ★★★★★
- 5E Wira Hotel
- 2E Wisma YMCA
- 3D YMCA

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- 3D Chinese Maternity Hospital
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- 3A National Heart Institute
- 2D Tanglin Dispensary
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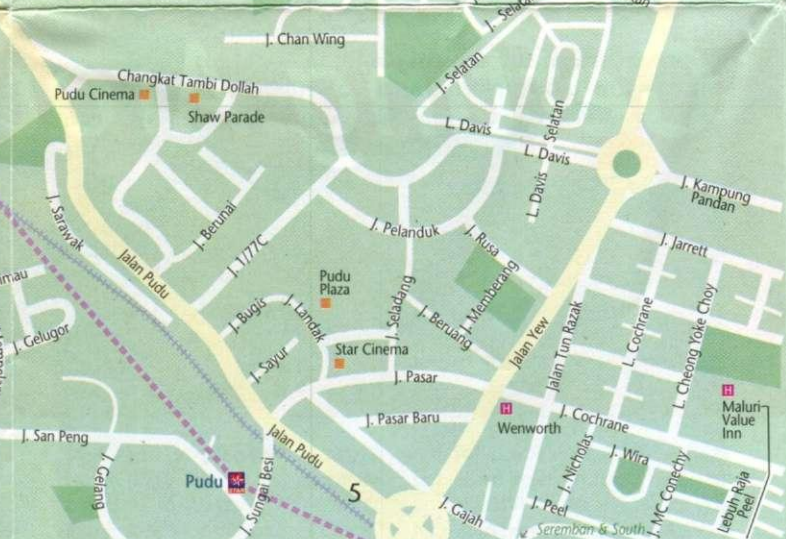
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Kuala Lumpur, the capital city of the Federation of Malaysia, is centrally located on the west coast of Peninsular Malaysia. Covering an area of 243sq km (94 square miles), it lies approximately 35km from the coast. Kuala Lumpur was conferred city status on February 1, 1972 and declared as a Federal Territory in 1974.

The city began as a mining settlement in the late 1800s with the discovery of tin at the confluence of the Klang and Gombak rivers. Although KL's tin trade has since declined, the growth of the city has remained unabated. Today, with a population of 1.8 million, it is the pulse of the nation.

Kuala Lumpur leads the country's fast paced development in trade and commerce, banking and finance, manufacturing, transportation, information technology and tourism.

Getting to Kuala Lumpur is easy with over 40 international airlines, including Malaysia Airlines, serving the city's new state-of-the art KL International Airport (KLIA) at Sepang. Domestic routes are served by Air Asia, Pelangi Air, Singapore Airlines and Royal Brunei Airlines, in addition to Malaysia Airlines.

Malaysia is also accessible overland from Thailand in the north, and Singapore in the south, via Keretapi Tanah Melayu Bhd (KTMB) which connects most of the principal towns in Peninsular Malaysia.

By sea, the main port-of-call for cruise liners to Malaysia is Port Klang, situated 41km from KL.

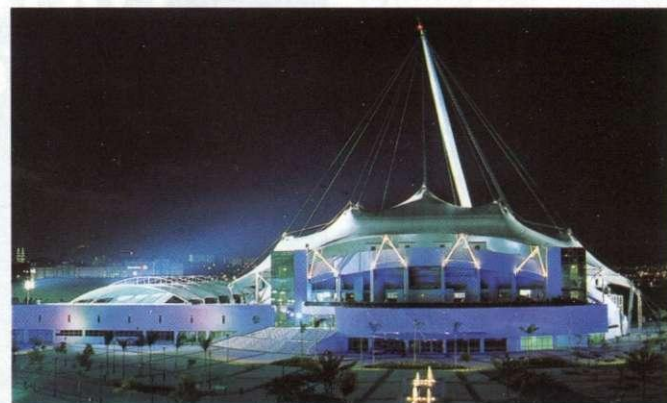
The city's strategic location at the heart of Southeast Asia, along with excellent supporting infrastructure, has made it a popular venue for international events, conventions and exhibitions.

**Rumah Penghulu Abu Seman** • The heritage centre of the Badan Warisan Malaysia (Heritage of Malaysia Trust) is located in a mock Tudor building dating from 1925. In the garden is a bamboo hut built by Orang Asli of the Temiar community and a restored Malay timber house known as the Rumah Penghulu. This was formerly the residence of a local headman in Kedah. It is beautifully decorated throughout with intricate carvings and has been furnished to reflect a house in the early thirties with some wedding accoutrements. A guided tour and viewing of a video documentary on the restoration is available.

The centre hosts regular exhibitions with a heritage theme and has a gift shop and reference library. No. 2, Jalan Stonor, 50450 Kuala Lumpur. Tel: 603-244 9273 Fax: 603-245 7884 • Open: 10am - 4pm (Monday - Friday) Except Public Holidays.

**National Mosque** • This uniquely designed mosque embodies a contemporary expression of traditional Islamic art, calligraphy and ornamentation. Its most striking feature is the multi-fold umbrella-like roof which symbolises the aspirations of an independent nation. Standing prominently against the skyline is the sleek and stylish 73m high minaret.

The national mosque serves as the principal mosque for the city dwellers.



**National Sports Complex** • The National Sports Complex situated on a 200 acre site in Bukit Jalil is the venue for sports and other functions. It houses the National Stadium, Putra Stadium, National Aquatic Centre, National Hockey Stadium and National Squash Centre. Traditional carvings adorn the main entrance of the National Stadium which was the venue for the opening, closing ceremonies and the track and field events during the Kuala Lumpur '98 XVI Commonwealth Games.

■ **Commonwealth Hill and Family Park** - Located at the north of the National Sports Complex is a memorial park for the Kuala Lumpur '98 Commonwealth Games-Commonwealth Hill. Major plazas located here are Plaza Bendera, Plaza Komanwel, Plaza Central which



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highlight the history and information on all the nations which took part in the Kuala Lumpur '98 Games.

Plaza Pandangan (Scenic Plaza) is the highest point from where you can get a breathtaking view of the National Sports Complex and Kuala Lumpur skyline.

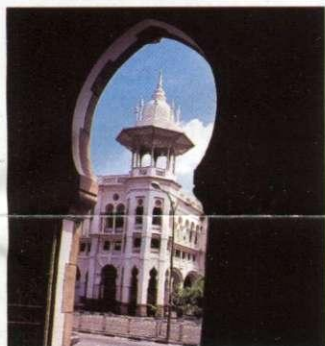
Trees surrounding a man made lake reflect the abundance of Malaysia's natural tropical resources.

■ **The Family Park** - The family park consists of two rugby fields, two soccer fields, a sepak takraw court, beach volley ball, basket ball courts plus a children's playground.

Changing rooms, food stalls, surau (prayer room) and bathrooms are provided. Camping area for scouts with basic facilities plus training equipment for obstacle and endurance activities.

■ **Sungai Kuyoh** - This landscaped garden is a recreational area for a leisure stroll along the river. Lush and shady trees line the river bank.

Exercise stations are provided at certain places along the river bank for light work-outs making it a pleasant experience. Stadium Tour: Daily Guided Tours from 9am - 5pm • Fee: RM2 (Adult) RM1 (Child) • Aquatic Recreation: 2pm - 4.30pm, 6pm - 8.30pm (Monday - Friday) • Entry Fee: RM3 (Adult) RM2 (Child) • Saturday, Sunday & Public Holiday: 10am - 12.30pm, 2pm - 4.30pm, 6pm - 8pm • Entry Fee: RM4 (Adult) RM3 (Child) • Getting There: Take the Star LRT and alight at Bukit Jalil.



related to space science. Among them is Arianne IV space engine - one of the engines used to launch MEASAT I, Malaysia's first satellite into space. Head towards the Observatory where on a full moon you can see the heavenly bodies through the 14-inch telescope. The planetarium extends to a space theme park where replicas of ancient observatories are sited. The planetarium is connected by an overhead pedestrian bridge to the National Museum. Open: 10am-4pm. Fridays closed. • Space Shows: 11am, 2pm, 4pm • Adults: RM3, Child: RM2 • Space Movie: RM6 (Adults), RM4 (Children) • Further details: Tel: 03-2273 5484.

**Kuala Lumpur Lake Gardens** • KL's most popular park, located at Jalan Perdana, showcases harmony, beauty and tranquility created by both man and nature. Built around two lakes, the sprawling 91.6 hectares tropical garden is a pleasant oasis within the city providing a cool and soothing ambience as one walks through a vista of exotic blooms, luxuriant foliage, imposing sculptures, creative theme parks and majestic-looking raintrees. Attractions within the park are:

■ **Orchid Garden** - Walk under pergolas, delighting in the exotic blooms of orchids or stroll through orchid-lined walkways! Buy a plant specimen as a memento of your visit to KL! Over 800 varieties of orchids, including the exotic species, thrive abundantly on this 1 hectare floral paradise.



Cut flowers and plants are sold on weekends. Orchid growers at the garden provide practical tips and advice on the art of orchid growing. Open: 9am - 6pm (Daily) • Admission: Free (except on Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays).



■ **Hibiscus Garden** - Hibiscus, the 'Queen of Tropical Flowers' thrives in glorious shades in this garden where over 500 varieties are grown. Among them is the *rosa sinensis*, Malaysia's national flower. Open: 9am - 6pm (Daily) • Admission: Free (except on Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays).



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**Kuala Lumpur Railway Station** • Built in 1910, the station is yet another heritage building that reflects the influence of Moorish architecture. It was extensively renovated in 1986 to provide air-conditioned comfort and modern facilities for rail passengers. From this station, passengers can travel to most cities and towns on Peninsular Malaysia's west coast and to Tumpat on the east coast. There are also train services to Singapore and Thailand.

**National Art Gallery** • Located on a 5.67 acres site at Jalan Temerloh, the National Art Gallery is flanked by the National Theatre and the National Library.

Built with aesthetics and functionality in mind, the art gallery creates a space for the preservation, development, exploration and experimentation of the various facets of art in Malaysia. There are a number of galleries housing various permanent and temporary exhibitions. Amenities available include a creative centre, a sculpture garden, a photography and graphics studio, and auditorium, a library, a restoration space, a book shop and a cafe. Open: 10am-6pm (Daily) • Admission: Free.



**The National Theatre** • Permanent home of the National Theatre Company and the National Symphony Orchestra, the National Theatre is responsible for the development of all forms of theatrical art in Malaysia.

Designed as a functional building which not only reflects the beauty of form, the National Theatre is equipped with state-of-the-art equipment while still retaining the national heritage and traditional Malay design.

Drama, dance and musical performances are held regularly. Enquiries: 03-4025 2525.

**National Planetarium** • This blue-domed structure is situated atop a hill in KL Lake Gardens. Its attractions include the space theatre which screens space shows and movies. In the main hall are permanent exhibits



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■ **Butterfly Park** - More than 15,000 plants have been used to create this tropical rainforest setting of this park. It houses over 6,000 butterflies. There is a nursery and breeding area for butterflies. Open: 9am-6pm (Daily) • Admission: RM5 (Adults), RM1 (Children).

■ **Kuala Lumpur Bird Park** - One of the largest bird parks in the region the Kuala Lumpur Bird Park houses over 5,000 birds, with 90% local and 10% imported from overseas. The park spans 2-8 hectares of enclosure, 3.2 hectares of free flight aviary and 0.5 hectare devoted to the hornbill. Open: 9am-5pm • Admission: RM3 (Adults), RM1 (Children).

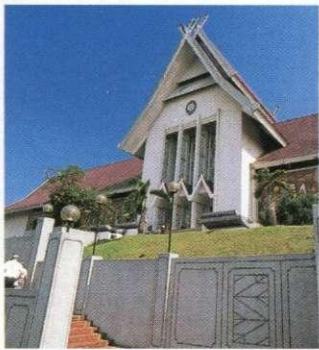


■ **National Monument** - Designed by the famous sculptor, Felix de Weldon, this 15.54m high bronze monument was constructed in 1966 to honour the country's fallen heroes during the Communist in surgency. It is one of the largest freestanding sculptures in the world.

■ **Asean Sculpture Garden** - Waterscape and landscape is combined harmoniously in this garden located just below the National Monument. It has a collection of prize-winning sculptures by some of the finest artists in the ASEAN region.







**National Museum** • Located on the fringe of the Kuala Lumpur Lake Gardens, the National Museum serves as the principal museum in the country. The design of this palatial building is based on the classical Malay architecture. The various galleries in the Museum provide interesting insights into the history, political development, culture, economy, arts, and flora and fauna of the country. Located on the museum's grounds are static displays including old locomotives, vintage cars and a replica of an ancient Malay palace. Open: 9am - 6pm (Daily) • Admission: RM1 • Children below 12 years: Free.

**Masjid Jamek** • Situated at the confluence of the Klang and Gombak Rivers, the mosque forms a startling contrast against the modern buildings behind it. It was built in 1909, making it the oldest mosque in the city. It features graceful arches and domes, reminiscent of the Moorish era.



**Istana Negara** • The Istana Negara is the official residence of His Majesty, the Yang di Pertuan Agong, the King of Malaysia. It is located on a hillock at Jalan Istana, just outside the city center. The extensive grounds is enhanced by immaculate lawns and colourful gardens. The palace is also the venue for official functions and ceremonies. Visitors can witness the changing of the guards daily.

**Menara Kuala Lumpur** • Situated atop Bukit Nanas in the vicinity of KL's hotel district, this 421m high concrete tower is Asia's tallest and the fourth tallest in the world. Visitors can enjoy a panoramic view of the city from its observation deck as well as the revolving restaurant. The tower also serves as a

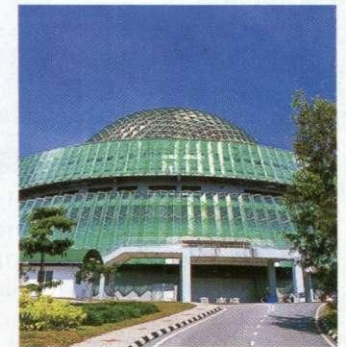
striking 'Lake Symphony' which comprises of two fountains located at the esplanade outside the Suria KLCC Shopping Complex.

■ **Galeri PETRONAS** - The PETRONAS Art Gallery, an elegant international class fine art gallery located at Suria KLCC is the realisation of PETRONAS' aspiration of a world class art venue, complementing the Dewan Filharmonik PETRONAS and PETROSAINS. Designed as a multifunctional and flexible space, the Galeri is divided into three galleries, namely the Main Gallery, the Annexe gallery and the Experimental Gallery which allow a number of exhibitions to be displayed simultaneously. Opening Hours: 10am - 8pm (Monday - Sunday) • Closed: Friday • Tel: 03-2051 7770.



■ **Dewan Filharmonik PETRONAS** - Malaysia's first classical concert venue, Dewan Filharmonik PETRONAS, takes its inspiration from the traditional shoe-box shape of the great 19th Century European concert halls. The Dewan Filharmonik combines modern and traditional values of Malaysian culture seating

an audience of 885 which includes box seating at stalls level and 20 luxury suites at Circle and Upper Circle levels. A magnificent Klais pipe organ provides the backdrop for this intimate yet stunning venue.



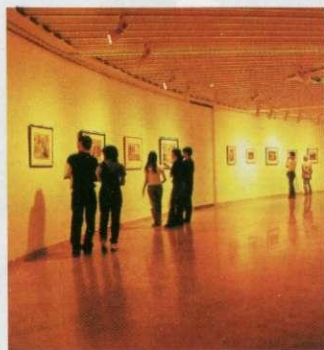
**Malaysia Tourist Information Complex (MTC)** • Built in 1935 as the residence of Eu Tong Seng, a wealthy tin miner, this historical landmark served as the war office of the British Army and the headquarters of the Japanese Army during World War II. It was also the venue for the first sitting of Malaysia's parliament and the installation ceremonies of several kings of the country. It was renovated in 1988 for its present use as a one-stop tourist information complex. The complex houses other facilities including an auditorium, a souvenir shop and a restaurant. Open: 9am - 6pm • Cultural performances are held on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday, from 3.30pm - 4.15pm • Admission: RM2.



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**Petronas Twin Towers** • Currently the world's tallest two freestanding towers, the 88-story Petronas Twin Towers soars to a dizzying height of 452m above the city skyline. This gleaming architectural delight inspired by the Five Pillars of Islam is the centerpiece of the ultra-modern Kuala Lumpur City Centre. Situated within the towers is the Petronas Philharmonic Hall, home of the Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra and the Petronas Performing Arts Group.



■ **Kuala Lumpur City Center Park** - The 20 hectare Park - a beautiful mosaic of a peaceful garden offers visitors a reprieve. Designed by the late Roberto Burl Marx, the park is planned as a haven for flora and fauna. About 1900 indigenous trees and palms have been planted to provide biodiversity for the park. Aesthetically pleasing to the senses are the sculptures, murals and

use as a one-stop tourist information complex. The complex houses other facilities including an auditorium, a souvenir shop and a restaurant. Open: 9am - 6pm • Cultural performances are held on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday, from 3.30pm - 4.15pm • Admission: RM2.

**National Science Center** • Perched atop a hill on 8 hectares of landscaped grounds at Bukit Kiara on the northwestern fringes of the city, the National Science Centre was established in 1996 to promote greater understanding and interest in science and technology. The building resembles a truncated cone capped with a geodesic dome. Among the fascinating themes featured in the exhibition galleries are an *environmental odyssey*, *pathways to discovery*, *future world* and *thinking machines*. Open: 10am - 5pm. Friday Closed • Admission: RM6.00 (Adults) RM3.00 (Children) • Enquiries: 03-252 1150



**National Zoo and Aquarium** • Located 13km northeast of Kuala Lumpur, the National Zoo houses some 200 species of animals, birds and reptiles while the aquarium has 80 species of marine and fresh-water life. Within the extensive grounds is an area for sea lions where visitors can see them being most active during feeding time. There are also train rides for children. Open: 9am - 6pm Daily • Admission: RM5 (Adults) RM2 (Children).

**Islamic Arts Museum Malaysia** • The Islamic Arts Museum Malaysia located at Jalan Lembah Perdana houses various themed galleries. Among the galleries found here is the Islamic Architecture Gallery which showcases miniature replicas of renowned buildings such as the Taj Mahal, Imam Ismail Al-Bukhary mosque and museum and the Amir Timur Mausoleum. Apart from this gallery is the Standard Chartered Ottoman Room which displays objects from the reign of the Ottoman Empire of Turkey and Syria. In the Al-Quran and Manuscript Gallery is a collection of more than 200 rare Islamic manuscripts which include a 30-Judz' Al-Quran from the Ming Dynasty. Tel : 03 - 2051 2020.

**Central Market** • Spend a morning wandering through what was once a busy 'wet market'! The many shops housed in this heritage building will enchant tourists with their offerings such as antique clocks, jewellery, gems, woodcarvings, batik and pewterware. Those with an eye for the unusual will enjoy buying or browsing through the market's



The unit of currency is the Malaysian Ringgit indicated as RM. Foreign currencies can be converted at banks and money changers.

All residents and non-residents are required to complete the Traveler's Declaration Form (TDF). The revised TDF has two separate sections and columns for residents and non-residents to declare their currencies; the blue section for residents and the white section for non-residents;

Residents are only required to declare in detail the exact amount of ringgit carried when they enter or leave the country only if the amount is in excess of RM1,000. They are also required to declare in detail the exact amount in foreign currency, including traveler's cheques carried, when they leave the country only if the amount exceeds the equivalent of RM10,000. Residents do not have to declare any amount of foreign currency, including traveler's cheques, carried with them when they re-enter the country.

1 Handshakes generally suffice for both men and women. However, some Muslim ladies may acknowledge an introduction to a gentleman with a nod of her head and smile. A handshake is only to be reciprocated if the lady offers her hand first. The traditional greeting or "*salam*" resembles a handshake with both hands but without the grasp. The man offers both hands, lightly touches his friend's outstretched hands, then brings his hands to his chest to mean, "I greet you from my heart". The visitor should reciprocate the "*salam*".

2 It is polite to call before visiting a home.

3 Shoes must always be removed when entering a Malaysian home.

4 Drinks are generally offered to guests. It would be polite to accept.

5 The right hand is always used when eating with one's hand or when giving and receiving objects.

6 The right forefinger is generally not used to point at places, objects or persons. Instead, the thumb of the right hand with the four fingers, folded under is the preferred usage.

## Currency Regulation



Residents are required to keep the TDF in their passport when they leave the country and surrender the TDF on their return journey instead of the current practice of filling two separate TDFs when they leave and re-enter the country. Likewise, non-residents will continue with the current practice which requires them to keep the TDF with their passport and surrender the TDF on leaving their country.

## Local Etiquette



7 Shoes must be removed when entering places of worship such as mosques and temples. Some mosques provide robes and scarves for female visitors. Taking photographs at places of worship is usually permitted, but always ask for prior permission.

8 Toasting is not a common practice in Malaysia. The country's large Muslim population does not drink alcoholic beverages.

## Getting Around



**Taxis** • The fare is RM 2 for the first 2km and 10 sen for every 200 meters thereon. A surcharge of 50% is levied between midnight and 6.00 am.

**Commuter Trains** • KTM Komuter operates speedy electric train services from the KL railway station to designated points within the city as well as to Port Klang, Seremban, Kajang and Rawang.

**Light Rail Transit (LRT)** • There are 2 LRT lines - STAR and PUTRA. Daily operating hours are 6.00am - 12.00pm. Stored value tickets can be purchased at any LRT station.

**Buses** • Traveling in public buses is one of the best ways to see Kuala Lumpur. Major bus lines servicing the city and suburban areas are Intrakota, Metro and Cityliner.

Bus stations :

■ **Klang Bus Station** • To Petaling Jaya, Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport, Shah Alam and Port Klang.

■ **Jalan Sultan Mohamad Bus Station** • To Bangsar, Petaling Jaya (Old Town), Kelana Jaya, Jalan Pantai, Bukit Damansara and Subang.

■ **Bangkok Bank Bus Station** • To Selayang Baru, Segambut Dalam and Batu Caves.

■ **Pudu Raya Bus Station** • To Seri Kembangan, Sungai Besi Camp, Balakong, Taman Seri Serdang and Kajang.

■ **Lebu Ampang Bus Station** • To Taman Greenwood, Kg. Air Panas, Sri Gombak, Taman Setapak and 12th Mile Gombak.

■ **Kota Raya Shopping Complex/ Menara Maybank** • To Jalan Cheras, Sri Petaling, Serdang Lama, Taman Goodwood, Salak South, Sungei Besi, Kampung Pandan, Bandar Tun Razak and Taman Maluri.

■ **Chow Kit Bus Stand** • To Kg. Datuk Keramat, Ulu Kelang, Ampang, Cheras, Salak South, Sungai Besi, Petaling Jaya, Jalan Kelang Lama, Bangsar, Damansara, Kepong, Jinjang, Segambut, Selayang, Sentul, Gombak and Jalan Genting Kelang.

■ **Hentian Duta** • To KLIA

There are also several bus companies which operate intercity, stage and express bus services to various destinations in the peninsula. Bus stations for interstate buses are located at:

**Putra Bus Station** (Opposite the Putra World Trade Centre)

Tel : 03-4042 9530

\* To The East Coast

**Pekeliling Bus Station**

Jalan Tun Razak

Tel : 03-4042 1256/4042 7888

\* To The East Coast

**Pudu Raya Bus Station**

Jalan Pudu

Tel : 03-230 0145

\* To The North & South and Singapore

**Bangunan MARA**

Medan MARA

Jalan Raja Laut

Tel : 03-2691 8113

\* To The North & South



# ound Kuala Lumpur

## Public Transport to and from KL International Airport (KLIA)

Various modes of public transportation are available to and from KLIA. They are:

### Express Coach Service (KL City)

**Route** Hentian Duta nearby the Tun Razak Hockey Stadium, Kuala Lumpur to the Bus Terminal of KLIA at Ground Level, Block C of the Covered Car Park and vice-versa.

**Pick-up Points** Hentian Duta Kuala Lumpur & Bus Terminal of KLIA.

**Frequency** 30 minutes interval

	From Hentian Duta	From KLIA
First service	5.30am	6.45am
Last service	10.15pm	12.30am

**Estimated Travelling Time** 1 hour

**Fare** Express coach: RM20.00/RM25.00\*

\* To/From hotels in KL via Hentian Duta, Bus Terminal from/to KLIA.

### Express Coach Service (Shah Alam)

**Route** The Pan Pacific Glenmarie Hotel & Resort, Shah Alam to the bus terminal of KLIA at Ground Level, Block C of the Covered Car Park and vice-versa.

**Pick-up Points** The Pan Pacific Glenmarie Hotel and Resort, Shah Alam

**Frequency** One hour interval

	From Pan Pacific Glenmarie	From KLIA
First service	6.00am	7.15am
Last service	9.00pm	10.30am

**Estimated Travelling Time** 45 Minutes

**Fare** Express coach: RM12.00 (One -Way)/RM21.00 (Return)\*

### Express Coach Service (Chan Sow Lin)

**Route** Chan Sow Lin, STAR LRT Station to the bus terminal of KLIA at Ground Level, Block C of the Covered Car Park and vice-versa

**Pick-up Points** Chan Sow Lin, STAR-LRT Station

**Frequency** One hour interval

	From Chan Sow Lin	From KLIA
First service	6.00am	7.15am
Last service	9.00pm	10.15am

**Estimated Travelling Time** 45 minutes

**Fare** Express coach: RM14.00 (One-Way)/RM25.00 (Return)

**TICKETS** • Tickets for the bus service can be purchased at the Arrival Concourse (Level 3) of KLIA or at the covered car park. For enquiries please call 03-6203 3154 and Toll-Free 1-800-880-495.

**LIMOUSINE (Airport Limo)** • Two levels of limousine taxi service are provided at KLIA viz., the Premier Service and Budget Service. This is a pre-paid service and coupons have to be purchased at counters at the Arrival Concourse of the MTB. Fares and routes are based on a zoning system and varies according to the type of service used.

Elsewhere, if you require an airport taxi or limousine, you can call free phone 1-800-880-737, 1-800-880-678 or arrange them through your hotel.

**Chinese New Year.** Chinese New Year is celebrated over a period of 15 days, beginning from the first day of the Chinese lunar calendar. It is a joyous occasion marked by family reunions, giving of red packets or 'ang pow' by parents to their children or among relatives and well wishers. This practice coupled with the giving away of oranges is intended as a symbol of prosperity and good luck for the recipients. Another feature is the traditional lion dance.

**Federal Territory Day.** It was on this day in 1974 that KL was declared a Federal Territory. City dwellers observe the occasion with day-long competitions and performances at the city's main parks such as Lake Gardens and Taman Tasik Titivangsa.

**Thaipusam.** Thaipusam is a day for penance and atonement among the Hindu community. The festival begins with a grand procession in Kuala Lumpur of the silver chariot bearing the statue of Lord Subramaniam. A striking feature of the procession is the sight of thousands of coconuts being thrown on the streets and devotees carrying kavadis or wooden steel yokes with longspikes and metal hooks pierced into their bodies.

**Mega Sale Carnival.** Malaysia is famous for its shopping where quality, variety and pricing is hard to beat. Mega Sales Carnival is held three times a year, in March, August and December and discounts galore are offered during these periods.

**Wesak Day.** Wesak Day celebrated in May is the most auspicious day in the Buddhist calendar as it marks the birth, enlightenment and death of Buddha. Celebrations begin before dawn with Buddhist devotees gathering in temples throughout the country. It is a time for prayers, offerings, chanting and alms giving. A significant act at this time is the releasing of doves and tortoises at temples.

**Colours of Malaysia.** The rich and intricate potpourri of cultures and traditions reflecting the proud and unique heritage of Malaysia is reflected in this event. This month long event filled with many activities at various venues in Kuala Lumpur is certainly not be missed.

**Food & Fruits Fiesta.** Malaysia is endowed with a fabulous range of Asian and International cuisine. Coupled with a plethora of tropical, sub-tropical and even temperate fruits, Malaysia's Food and Fruit Festival offers a divine culinary experience that is difficult to find elsewhere.

**Merdeka Eve Celebration 2001 - Kuala Lumpur.** Join in the fun on the eve of the anniversary of Malaysia's national day. A carnival-like atmosphere pervades on this night of mesmerising dances, dazzling colourful fireworks display and performances by local artistes, culminating in the Merdeka countdown for the raising of the Jalur Gemilang at the midnight amidst patriotic Malaysian and tourists cheer the hearty shouts of 'Merdeka'.

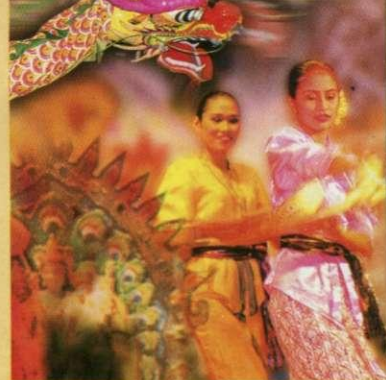
**National Day.** August 31 marks the nation's national day which is celebrated in Kuala Lumpur at the Dataran Merdeka or Merdeka Square situated in front of the Royal Selangor Club. Thousands of spectators converge on the city to watch the colourful parade along the streets of the city and performances held at the Merdeka Square. However, the celebrations are also rotated among other states.

**Deepavali.** Among the Hindus, Deepavali or the Festival of Lights signifies the triumph of good over evil. Celebrated during the 7th month of the Hindu calendar, a traditional oil bath precedes the festivity. The celebration includes visits to temples and prayers at household altars. Hindu homes are adorned with lights or oil lamps to signify the victory of Lord Krishna over the demon Narakasura.

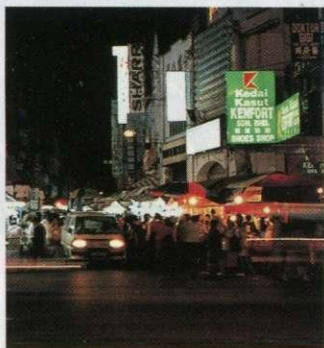
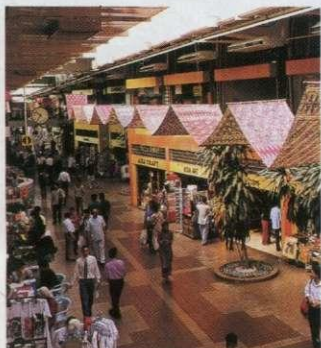
**Hari Raya Aidilfitri.** A meaningful day of celebration for Muslims to mark the end of Ramadhan or the fasting month. Muslims usher in Hari Raya Aidilfitri with prayers in the mosque and asking forgiveness from family members. It is customary during this occasion for Muslims to open their homes to well-wishers as well as to visit friends and relatives. A special delicacy that is served at this time is *Lemang*, glutinous rice cooked in bamboo stems.

**Christmas.** The festive air of Christmas is prevalent in the city especially in the decorations, caroling and partying during the occasion.

## Festivals





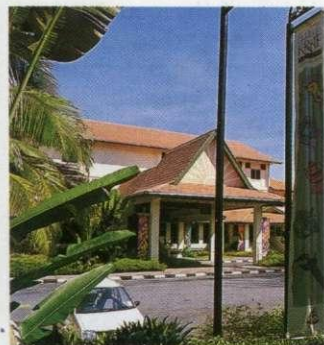


extensive range of novelty items such as jade trees and blown glass souvenirs.

The visitor will be able to see portrait artists, glass blowers in action, batik painters transforming a white material into vivid colours. Or simply relax at one of the many restaurants here and sample local or western food. During the weekends, at 7.30pm, cultural performances are held. Admission: Free • Enquiries: 03-2274 6542 (10am -10pm).

**Petaling Street** • Petaling Street (known as KL's Chinatown) is endowed with a distinct character of its own. This colourful street of shops, restaurants and hawker stalls bustles with vitality. Walk, linger or browse as the sights and sounds capture one's imagination. Flanking both sides of this street are shops selling anything from textiles to Chinese herbal medicines. There are also a number of restaurants serving authentic regional Chinese cuisine.

**Jalan Masjid India** • Another colourful street of sidewalk artists, street traders and shops. The street takes its name from the Indian Muslim mosque here. Along this road are shops selling Indian brass oil lamps, silver tableware, glass bangles and gold jewellery.

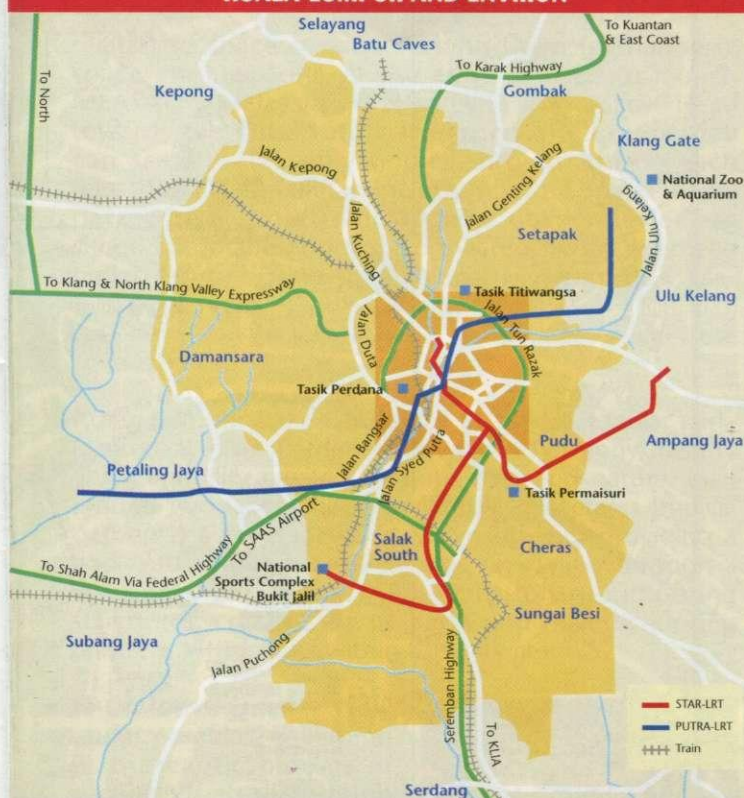


**Kompleks Budaya Kraf** • This handicraft complex located at Jalan Conlay houses top names in local handicrafts. Here, one can look out for chic batik outfit, ponder over the variety of home decor items or delight in finding the perfect gift to take back home!

On the ground floor of the complex, visitors can dabble in some paints and wax to create their own batik pieces. At the far end of its landscaped grounds is the artists colony where one can watch artists at work. Paintings are available for sale.

The complex is equipped with visitor facilities, including a restaurant.

## KUALA LUMPUR AND ENVIRON



## LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT AND KTM KOMUTER TRAIN ( Route Map )

